

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 7-14. Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claim 6 if rewritten in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 2-6 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 7-14 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,745,302 to Hanawa et al. ("Hanawa"). Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of claims 2-6. As claim 6 has been indicated as allowable over Hanawa, Applicants respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claim 1, as amended, be withdrawn. Claims 2-5 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Dated: 4/28/04

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Ashley N. Moore

Registration No.: 51,667

JENKENS & GILCHRIST, A PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION

1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3200

Dallas, Texas 75202

(214) 855-4500

(214) 855-4300 (Fax)